

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephonic interview of Feb. 25, 2003 with Examiner Anderson. During this interview, Examiner Anderson clarified her position with respect to the Advisory Action and Schneider et al. (5,417,677). Schneider et al. teaches an ostomy pouch having an inner liner and tissue disposed on the *outer* surface of the inner liner.

In contrast, Claim 1, as amended, recites an inner lining having absorbent disposed on and joined to the *inner* surface of the inner lining. This amendment clarifies the disposition of Applicants' claimed absorbent is opposite that found in Schneider et al. Further, it provides for absorption of body waste by the absorbent material – a benefit unachievable by the arrangement of Schneider et al. which places the tissue paper *outside* the inner lining of said sidewalls 11,12.

Examiner Anderson stated that, pending approval by the Primary Examiner, this amendment would place the case in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicants have canceled Claims 7-9 to further simplify prosecution on the merits.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Applicants again gratefully acknowledge the telephonic interview with Examiner Anderson, respectfully request the foregoing amendment be entered, and that remaining Claims 1-6 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Urine management device comprising a flexible bag having an inner lining, said inner lining having an inner surface and an outer surface opposed thereto, said bag having an aperture and a flange surrounding said aperture, said flange having a wearer facing portion and a garment facing portion, wherein said wearer facing portion comprises a layer of adhesive for releasable attachment to the uro-genital area of a wearer, said device being characterized in that said flange is provided with at least one non-adhesive lobe, said flexible bag containing absorbent material disposed on and joined to said inner surface of said inner lining.

Claims 7-9 have been canceled.